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WASHINGTON, DC - U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) announced today that he has successfully secured \$100,000 in funding for Hillside Family of Agencies' (HFA) youth workforce development program which provides job training and life skills for young adults who are leaving social services programs and attempting to enter the workforce.

"It is critical that our area youth receive the job training they need to be successful in a very competitive job market," **Arcuri said**. "This funding will be used to help those that need assistance as they make the transition into society as independent adults. HFA's program will make that difficult transition easier and provide the skills necessary for these young people to succeed in their professional lives."

This funding will help HFA with the cost of personnel, occupancy, training, and other expenses necessary to implement a workforce development program aimed at providing job readiness and life skills training to youth aging-out of foster care.

HFA is one of the largest non-profit agencies in New York State, providing child welfare, mental health, youth development, developmental disabilities, juvenile justice, adoption, and special education services to thousands of children and families in twenty-four counties in New York State. HFA employs over 2,100 individuals.

The funding for HFA's youth workforce development program is included in the Fiscal Year 2010 Omnibus Appropriations Act, which is expected to pass in the House of Representatives later this week and then go on to the Senate for approval.

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